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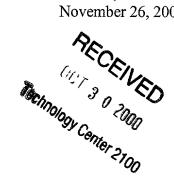
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#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are submitted for entry into the application filed on August 27, 2001, serial number 09/940,026. This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to the first Office Action on the merits in the above-captioned case. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

### <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 8, line 19 with the following replacement paragraph.

Fig. 21 illustrates a Read Secure Metadata protocol according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 8, lines 21 and 22.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.121(b)(1)(iii), the attachment entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made" contains a marked up version of the replacement paragraph illustrating the newly introduced change in the specification.

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#### REMARKS

The above-identified application is United States application serial number 09/940,026 filed on August 27, 2001. This paper is a preliminary amendment to remove unnecessary language from the specification, i.e., in the Brief Description of the Drawings. No amendments to the figures are necessary because the Brief Description of the Drawings erroneously references figures 21A and 21B. The Specification has been amended to delete the references and refer only to Fig. 21 as filed and referred to the Detailed Description. No new matter has been added thereby and no items were omitted in the nonprovisional application as filed. Fig. 21 was filed with the nonprovisional application.

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## IN THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph starting on page 8, line 19 is amended as follows.

Fig. 21[A] illustrates a Read Secure Metadata protocol according to an embodiment of the present invention.

Please delete the paragraph starting on page 8, lines 21 and 22.

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